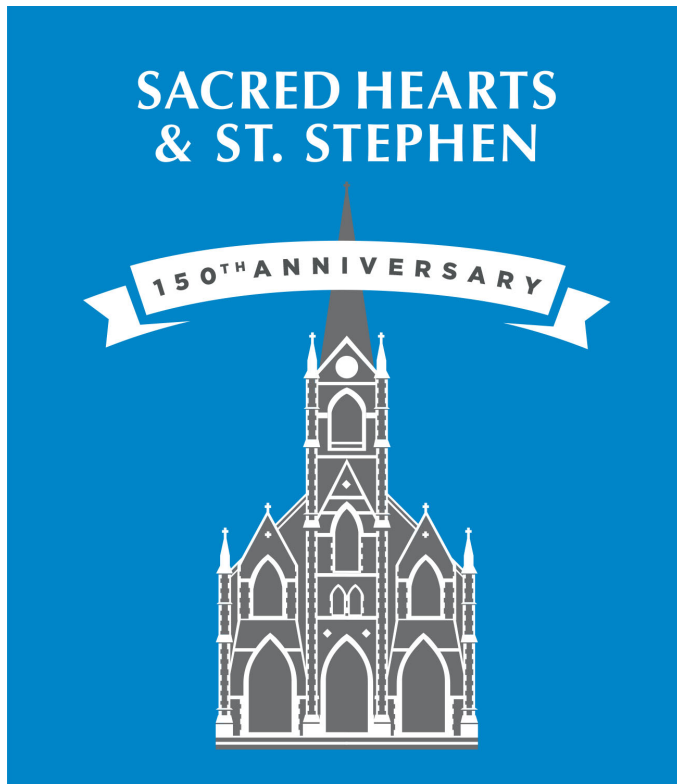


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# **SACRED HEARTS & ST. STEPHEN R.C. CHURCH**

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***St. Stephen's – Founded 1866  
Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary  
Founded 1882***

## **MASSES ON SUNDAYS:**

8:00 AM 10:00 AM & 12:00 NOON  
5:30 PM on Saturday

## **MASSES ON WEEKDAYS:**

Monday 12:00 Noon  
Tuesday thru Friday 8:30 AM Sat. 8:30 AM

## **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturdays 4:45 P.M. as well as By Appointment.

**For Holiday and Special Mass Schedules, please call  
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## **BAPTISMS:**

To prepare for the sacrament of Baptism, parents and godparents should plan to attend the 10:00 AM Mass on the second Sunday of the month followed by a Baptismal preparation meeting. Parents must come to the Parish Office with a copy of the birth certificate one month before your planned Baptism.

## **SICK CALLS:**

Please call and arrange for the sacrament of anointing whenever anyone is seriously ill.

## **MARRIAGES:**

Please call the rectory at least 6 months ahead for an appointment with a Priest.

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## **ON LINE & CREDIT CARD GIVING: WWW.PARISH-GIVING.ORG.**

### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Office closed Sunday

No evening hours at the present time.

**IF YOU WISH TO SEE A PRIEST, PLEASE TELEPHONE FOR AN APPOINTMENT  
PLEASE REMEMBER SACRED HEART & ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

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# **MASSSES** for the **WEEK**



- MON. AUGUST 22, 2016**  
Noon Lee Andrew Hirsch  
BY: Aunts & Cousins
- TUE. AUGUST 23, 2016**  
8:30 In Thanksgiving for Blessings  
Received through the Intercession of  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
BY: Angie
- WED AUGUST 24, 2016**  
8:30 Elizabeth DeMeglio  
BY: Loving Family
- THURS. AUGUST 25, 2016**  
8:30 Concetta Foglia
- FRI. AUGUST 26 2016**  
8:30 Concetta & Antonino Tesoriero  
BY: The Reca Family
- SAT. AUGUST 27, 2016**  
8:30 Peter Yancone  
BY: Loving Family  
5:30 PM Louis Trani  
BY: Wife, Children & Grandchildren
- SUN AUG 28, 2016**  
8:00 Vincent & Vincenza Pepe  
BY: Son, Louis Pepe  
10:00 Biagio Lubrano  
BY: Wife & Family  
Noon: Mary Tarsio  
BY: Paula Ranieri

## Morning Prayer

As I start my day today God, I ask you to forgive any past sins I have committed against You. I want to start my day fresh with my heart and mind renewed. I thank You for blessing me with another wonderful day of life. Thank You for watching over and protecting all my loved ones. And no matter how I feel today, I am thankful that I am alive, strong healthy, blessed and a child of the most high God. I will live the life your created me to live. A life of happiness, filled with hope, love, peace and joy. I thank You for everything through Him who gives me strength ( Philippians 4-13)

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION- THE SACRAMENT OF MERCY

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 4:15 to 5:00 PM. This is an important Sacrament in which we experience the Mercy of God. Who should come to confession? Everyone should come to this sacrament. Why should we come? We should come if we are interested in growing in discipleship. No one is perfect. Neither the priest, the pope nor the bishop, not even are you. Confession is self accusatory without explanations. It is a place where we face ourselves and our motives, not only for doing evil, but even our motives for doing good. Are all our good acts other centered or may they too be self centered? It is in discussing the state of our Spirit that we can get back on track. Who should go to Eucharist? Those who are seeking to follow Christ. Those who are struggling to follow the Gospel even with occasional falls and errors. Those whose heart is going towards Christ on Christ's terms not their own. Who should not go to communion? Those who are aware of grave and serious sin which has not been confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation should refrain from the Eucharist until they have spoken to the priest of the state of their life. Never be afraid to approach the priest with whom you can relate. Situations which may be embarrassing, off color, of sexual nature, of criminal nature, the priest is there for forgiveness and healing. He has heard it all previously. The good thing is, he forgets. Remember no one is perfect. We, including the priest, all struggle, even with ourselves, to live the Gospel. So, come and be forgiven, be filled with Grace and keep moving to a deeper relationship with the Lord.

# Sick Relatives & Friends

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish and community who are ill, hospitalized or in nursing home care, most especially:

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| Jonelle Bernardo,    | Mario Austi          |
| Brad Hatry,          | Matthew Ruggiero     |
| Michelle Laquercia   | Irene Balen          |
| Dolly Vergona,       | Gladys Zodda         |
| Angelo Vergona       | Valerie Pace         |
| Maria Carmen Morial  | John Nigro           |
| Judith Miller        | Alissa Aquino        |
| Michele Morea        | Palma Caminiti       |
| Carol DeMairo        | Anthony Gambardella  |
| Denise Deacomanolis  | Rachel Valenti       |
| Salvatore Gianino    | Judith Latalladi     |
| Rosemary Love        | Lisa VanTassel       |
| Lucy D'Ambrosi Nolan | Eileen Giannotta     |
| Richie Boyle         | Dominick Aiello, Jr. |
| Kathleen Gunderson   | Rosa Maria Santos    |
|                      | Gloria Heyer         |



Altar Bread & Wine for the week of

August 21, 2016 has been donated  
In Loving Memory of  
**CONCETTA FOGLIA**

Requested by:  
**Rose Marie**



The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of  
August 21, 2016 have been  
donated  
In Loving Memory of  
**DOLORES GEHA**  
BY: Lou Anne & Michael Manus

## CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

You are cordially invited to a Gala celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of St. Stephen Catholic Church on

Sunday, November 13, 2016.  
4:00 PM Cocktails—5:00 PM Dinner  
El Caribe Country Club  
5945 Strickland Avenue  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

\$135.00 Per Person  
\$65.00 for Children Ages 3 to 10  
Reservation Deadline is 10/14/16  
150@SacredHearts-StStephen.com  
Or call  
718 596-7750

**\*\*\*Tickets are now on sale  
at the Rectory!\*\*\***

Journal Ads are available.  
For more information e-mail  
info@sacredhearts-ststephen.com

Our 150th Anniversary Mass  
Celebrated by

Most Rev. Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio  
Will be held on  
Sunday,  
December 18, 2016  
@ 10:00 AM

We ask that you save the above dates for these momentous occasions in the life of our Parish.  
Join your Parish Family in celebration and fellowship!

# From the Pastor



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Dear Parish Family:

Today's readings challenge us. The readings tell us that we cannot become complacent in our relationship with Christ. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the prophet warns his people that due to their unfaithfulness, the promise made to them will be given to others. While they had the opportunity of being prepared to recognize the Word of God among them, in actuality, it will be others who will keep the faith that was first given to them and receive its rewards. In the Gospel, we are told that even those who acted in the name of the Lord will not be admitted to the kingdom unless they have been faithful to the Gospel.

The call to follow Christ is issued to all of us at our baptism. Conversion to the Gospel is a life long journey. Position in the community is not a guarantee of holiness or living the Gospel. This means that because a man is a priest or a woman is a sister or a lay person is a lector or Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, is not a guarantee of conversion to the Gospel. We would like to believe that our priests, bishops, religious and lay ministers are striving to be disciples of Christ, but experience and history has taught us otherwise. For sure there are many priests, bishops, religious and lay people who are striving to live the Gospel message. For sure there are people who are living saints. There are people whose example uplifts us. They teach us and help us to live the Gospel message. On the other hand, there are priests, bishops, religious and lay people whose example and spiritual lives leave a great deal to be desired. Conversion to the Lord has nothing to do with position in the community, it has to do with the heart of each individual. This brings us to the conclusion of today's Gospel.

In the Gospel, we are told that not everyone who calls out: "Lord open the door for us....we drank in your company and you taught in our streets" will be accepted. Those who are admitted are those who did the Will of the Father. God's mercy is always available and the call to change is always issued. Yet, God respects our freedom and God will not impose mercy upon us. We need to cooperate willingly with the plans of God. Therefore, if one does not take advantage of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, or if one does not pray or if one has little or no regard for mercy and charity, then one has made a choice to reject God's offer, what can God do? If we do not cooperate, we are free to do as we wish, but our actions have consequences which we need to accept and face.

The lesson is: be prepared always to meet God. The call of God is universal. It is issued to all who desire to do the Will of God regardless of race, color or background. No one group has ownership upon God. God is not owned by the Jews or the Moslems, or the Catholic Church or the Protestant Churches. The call to a deeper relationship with God is universal and God's promises are universal. This is a great challenge as well as a great consolation.

Msgr. Guy A. Massie

## SHARE THE LIGHT OF FAITH

Jesus calls all of us to share the Good News with others. As parents and godparents, we make a commitment at baptism to foster the great gift of faith in our children. The SHSS Children's Faith Formation program ("CCD") is privileged to share in this work as we focus on how the light of faith guides us to ...." *Celebrate as the Family of God.*"

We invite you to REGISTER NOW for our 2016-17 program. Weekly sessions are held Sundays beginning at 10:00 Mass, followed by instruction until 12:30 PM in Cabrini Hall. There is also limited availability for grades 1-5 on Wednesday afternoons, 3:45-5:00 PM. Contact Nancy Arkin at 718 596-7750 or narkin1960@gmail.com for more information or to make an appointment to register. Returning families should have received a re-registration packet in the mail. Please return the forms as soon as possible. We look forward to sharing this journey of faith with you!

### **Make a Difference...Become a Catechist**

**Take the first step in bringing 1,373,741,824 souls closer to Christ...  
An invitation to take the gift of faith that you've received....and pass it on....**

*You are invited to prayerfully consider participating in this vital ministry.*

- ◊ If you're a committed adult Catholic, actively living your faith, with a desire to share "the pearl of great price", please join us.
  - ◊ "On the Job" training is available.
  - ◊ The time commitment is generally once a week, on Sunday, from 11:10-12:30 PM or Wednesday afternoon from 3:45-5:00 PM.
- ◊ If you don't feel called to teach, there's also a need for classroom aides, as well as non-classroom assistance, including clerical work.
- ◊ Experience the joy and challenge of passing on the ways of the Faith to the young people of our Parish community.
- ◊ Please call Nancy Arkin in the Parish Office at 718-596-7750, for further information or to schedule an interview.

**"Just suppose that outside the necessary structure of the Church, there was only one in all the world who believed in (Christ). Just suppose that one zealous believer the first year converted one (person) to Christ and His Church. Suppose the next year these two each made a convert, then there would be four the next year. And suppose the next year, these four made one apiece, then there would be eight converts at the end of the third year. Now how many would there be, from that one zealous believer, at the end of only thirty years? There would be one billion, three hundred seventy three million, seven hundred forty one thousand, eight hundred twenty four souls**

...Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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